

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1036

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Alice Olivia Haley  
upon winning the 2008 Ms. Tennessee Senior  
America Pageant.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those exemplary citizens who bring beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such superlative woman is Alice Olivia Haley, who was crowned the 2008 Mrs. Tennessee Senior America; she now will represent Tennessee in the national Ms. Senior America Pageant; and

WHEREAS, the Ms. Senior America Pageant is the world's first and foremost pageant to emphasize and honor women who have reached the age of elegance; and

WHEREAS, the Ms. Tennessee Senior America Pageant awards those women who best exemplify the dignity, maturity, and inner beauty of all senior Americans, recognizing that senior citizens are the foundation of America and that it is because of their knowledge, experience, and resources that younger generations have the opportunity to build a stronger society; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Nolensville community, Olivia Haley proved she was a force in the pageant circuit when she earned a top ten ranking in the 1985 Mrs. Tennessee Pageant and by winning the Ms. Senior Williamson County crown at the county fair in August of 2007; it was during the county fair contest that she first showcased her unique talent of rapping the song *Granny Loves Ya*; and

WHEREAS, that talent no doubt assisted Mrs. Haley in claiming the state title; and

WHEREAS, in addition to rapping *Granny Loves Ya* as part of the talent portion of the contest, Olivia Haley also competed in the evening gown competition and submitted to a personal interview, in which she described her philosophy on life; and

WHEREAS, drawing from her wisdom and experience, Mrs. Haley has stated that her attitude on life can best be summed up by the lyrics of Tim McGraw's song *"Live Like You Were Dying"*; this adventuresome grandmother of four is a half-marathon participant, a whitewater rafting enthusiast, a parasailer, and, of course, a rapper; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her most recent outstanding achievement, Mrs. Haley has accomplished much during her laudable life; and

WHEREAS, born in Murfreesboro to Ernest and Lucille Blanche Walker, Olivia Haley graduated from Glenclyff High School in 1962; and

WHEREAS, from 1966 to 1980, Mrs. Haley worked as a secretary for several noteworthy businesses, including Road Builders, Inc., Odom Construction, and Tennessee Excavating Company; and

WHEREAS, exhibiting her many talents, she worked for twenty-five years in commercials, print ads, videos, and the movie *Colored Eggs*; Olivia Haley even graced the cover of a brochure for Elvis Presley's Graceland; and

WHEREAS, as evidence of her diverse skills, Mrs. Haley acquired her license as an affiliated real estate broker in 2007 and currently works for AKB Realty, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her busy professional life, Olivia Haley still finds time to volunteer her remarkable talents to multiple noteworthy projects, including assisting those who suffer from cerebral palsy, reading to children at Nolensville Elementary School, working in the school office, and entertaining the elderly at retirement and assisted living homes; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual with a profound dedication to the highest ideals of public service, Mrs. Haley is a member of the Tennessee Senior America Cameo Club, Young Hearts, the Greater Nashville Association of Realtors, the Tennessee Association of Realtors, the Nolensville Chamber of Commerce, and the Williamson County Chamber of Commerce; she has served as the Chairman of the Sweet Shoppe for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Olivia Haley is a devout and active member of the Nolensville United Methodist Church, where she sings in the choir, teaches the children's sermons, mentors children undertaking confirmation, and participates in the Bloomery; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Haley is perhaps most grateful for the love and companionship she shares with her husband of forty years, James D. Haley, her children and their spouses, Scott and Donna Haley and Monica and George Maxi Massey, Jr., and her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Olivia Haley epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans, and this legislative body wishes to grasp this golden opportunity to recognize this estimable citizen; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Olivia Haley upon being crowned the 2008 Ms. Tennessee Senior America, commend her for her meritorious service to the good people of the State of Tennessee, and wish her every success in all her future endeavors, and especially the Ms. Senior America Pageant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.